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SUBJ: CRITICISM OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING CYPRIOT
REFUGEE HEARINGS AND CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON MILITARY AID
TO TURKEY HAVE AROUSED CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT AMONG TURKS.
MOST RECENT EXPRESSION OF THIS RESENTMENT WAS DECISION BY
ANKARA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO CHANGE NAME OF KENNEDY STREET
TO "JOHN F. KENNEDY STREET." EARLIER, KENNEDY NAME WAS
DROPPED ALTOGETHER FROM STREET IN IZMIR.
2. TURKISH PRESS HAS GIVEN SEN. KENNEDY VERY HARSH TREATMENT.
EDITORIALS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT TURKS HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR
THE MEMORY OF PRES. KENNEDY AND FEEL PARTICULARLY AGGRIEVED
THAT HIS BROTHER WOULD CRITICIZE TURKISH POLICIES OR OPPOSE
MILITARY AID FOR TURKEY. BERGUS

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